GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1194
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PREPARATION OF AFRO-ASIAN GAMES
SADASHIVRAO DADOBA MANDLIK

Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the newsitem regarding preparation for Afro-Asian games appearing in the Rashtriya Sahara dated June 2, 2001;

(b) if so, the details of the facts reported therein; and

(c) the steps taken /proposed to be taken by the Government for timely completion of the preparations for the said games?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI PON. RADHAKIRISHNAN)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The news item pertains to apprehended delay in completion of the upgradation of infrastructure for the First Afro Asian Games which may put a question mark on hosting of International tournaments by India in future.

(c) The Government has initiated the process of upgradation of infrastructure at various venues.

Government of India has provided Rs.15.00 crores to SAI for this purpose during the last financial year and a budget provision of Rs.15.00 crores has been made for the current financial year.
In addition to the SAI stadia facilities, Shivaji Stadium, Ambedkar Stadium and Chhatrsal Stadium are also being upgradedR.K. Khanna Stadium is being renovated by its management for which Govt. of India has approved an expenditure of Rs.100.50 lakhs.

For overseeing the upgradation of above facilities a Steering Committee has been set up under the Chairmanship of the Union Minister. A Coordination Committee under the Chairmanship of LG of Delhi to coordinate all agencies responsible for upgradation of infrastructure and beautification of the city of Delhi has also been formed.

For the smooth conduct of the Games, a First Afro Asian Games, 2001 Organizing Committee has been constituted.This Committee is registered under the Societies Registration Act, 1860. Committees have been constituted to look after the day-to-day activities pertaining to the conduct of the Games.

The overall preparations for the Games are proceeding on schedule.